

**Senior Commission Meeting**  
**June 1, 2021**  
**Minutes**

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 in the Senior Center. Vice Chairman, Florence Klingler called the meeting to order at 9:05. Those present were Ann Alfano, Bill Boschert, Roberta Britton, Jerry Chancey, Jan Daming, Debbie Doering, John Jaworski, Florence Klingler, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, and Carol Wagner. Those excused were Margaret Buchholz, Pat Helfrich, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce and Carole Webb. Also, in attendance was Kathy Keitz, who is considering taking an open position on the Commission.

**MINUTES**

The minutes to the May Meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. They were approved by Carole Lowery and seconded by Carol Wagner.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Senior Commission is currently without a treasurer. Peggy stated that when making the Memorial Day deposit, she asked for a balance just to make sure all looked good. The current balance matched our balance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COVID update:** The City of Florissant has lifted their mask requirement for all buildings. We will follow the guidelines of wearing a mask if you're not vaccinated. However, the city is not going to check to see if anyone is vaccinated.

**Memorial Day Recap:** Peggy passed out a financial recap of the Memorial Day Party. The Commission lost approximately \$350.00 on the party. Peggy stated that we may need to adjust things for future parties. Our attendance was around 120, which is low, but expected after the pandemic. Peggy stated that we cannot keep losing money and we may need to re-evaluate our spending or the ticket prices for future events. As far as the recap of the party:

Attendance: around 120

- Lunch: This was the first party - post pandemic. We requested the menu of sandwich, potato salad, coleslaw & dessert. A few members, including Peggy, expressed disappointment with the sandwiches and the dessert. We will keep that in mind going forward.
- Presenting the colors ceremony by the Florissant Police Department: Everyone agreed this was very good
- Entertainment: 399<sup>th</sup> Army Band: Everyone agreed that this band was very good, however most of the Commission said they would have preferred a band that played patriotic music rather than rock songs. Peggy said she will make note of that for future Memorial Day Events.
- Lemonade: We received a lot of compliments on the lemonade.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers:** Peggy stated that it is important that we hold elections for the 3 open positions. Peggy asked for volunteers or recommendations. Carol Lowery said that she would run for Vice Chairman and Jerry Chancey stated that he would run for treasurer. We had no one volunteer to run for Chairman. Peggy will check with the absent members. We will hold our election next month.

**Member update:** We are currently short 2 Commission Members. If Kathy Keitz joins the Commission, that will leave one opening. Peggy asked everyone to consider any friends or acquaintances to fill this vacancy. Peggy said she does have 2 names of people who may be interested that she can ask, if there are no recommendations.

**Lunch Program:** Peggy reported that the lunch program is going great. We have had over 40 people in attendance every week. She did state we had to raise the price from \$7.00 to \$8.00 for the restaurants to cover the price of the food. This increase will go in effect in July 2021.

**Senior Citizen Trips:** Peggy stated the ticket sales were great for the first trip since the Pandemic – the St. Louis Arch Lunch Cruise. We sold out and had a waiting list. Peggy said it nice to see that the decision to hold the trips proved to be the right decision. The upcoming trips include: Lumiere Casino, Village of the Blue Rose and the Missouri Botanical Gardens Best of Missouri Market Trip.

**Taco Tuesday:** In light of the fact that we lost money at our Memorial Day Party, the Commission discussed ways to prevent losses at our future parties – including Taco Tuesday. Part of the problem is we did not make what we usually make in ticket sales. We only had around 120 attendees. There will not be Bingo at Taco Tuesday – so we will save \$115.00 in Bingo prizes. It was discussed whether or not to offer attendance prizes. That is usually \$100. It was agreed to offer \$50.00 in attendance prizes – 5 - \$10.00 gift cards. We will still do Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets – since we do make money on those! We will be paying out \$300 this time on entertainment- \$200 donation to the Mexican Dancers and \$100.00 tip to Scott & Karl. Ruiz will be \$9.00 per meal – the same as Tornatores. Peggy said she will try to alleviate some of the costs on the Commission by purchasing decorations and the drinks and snacks with city funds. She reported she could do this since some events and programs cancelled and she has some extra money in there. That won't last long though and hopefully our attendance will increase. If not, we may have to raise ticket prices. We will discuss this at the next meeting after Taco Tuesday.

**Big Papa G:** Peggy explained that this event is handled by the Senior Office which means the Commission does not have to work but can certainly come if they want to enjoy the event!

**Crazy Cardinal Bingo:** We will pay the “Singing Bingo Guy” \$160.00. The City will pay for Fred Bird which is \$200.00. The caterer will be Meyers and will charge \$9.00 a plate – like the rest of the caterers. We have Cardinal centerpieces and we usually use our personal decorations for the stage and other areas.

**Mayor's Town Hall Meeting:** Peggy will be in contact with the Mayor about his Town Hall Meeting – probably this week – and start sending out invitations in July. St. Catherine is sponsoring. The expense for the Commission is tablecloths, plates & cups and orange juice & coffee.

**Drive Through Flu Shots:** Peggy stated she's been trying to get ahold of the flu shot sponsor, Medinurse to no avail. She will report on this at the next meeting.

**Square Dance Event:** Peggy reported that we have Mann Meats catering for \$9.00 per person. Peggy talked to him about pulled pork and 2 sides. We will discuss how to serve this as the event gets closer and pandemic guidelines change.

**New Year's Eve:** We established our theme – the Roarin Twenties! Peggy asked if everyone could think about the colors that we want. Black, white and gold was suggested. Kathy Biondo said that we may be able to borrow the black and white feathers from Sacred Heart Church. She will get back with us about that. If we are able to borrow them, we will then determine what vases to use and the colors. As soon as that is established, Bill Boschert & Peggy can order the table skirting and whatever else they need to. Since we are having chicken at Halloween, maybe we can have pork for New Year's Eve.

**Miscellaneous:** We discussed Halloween even though it wasn't on the official agenda. We have the Retro Band coming. His fee is \$300.00. The Commission discussed the menu. It was decided to ask Tornatores for a chicken dish – maybe Amoretto chicken with scalloped potatoes. Peggy will check and make sure that is good with Tornatores.

**Email Notifications:** Peggy explained the new Senior Citizen Email Notification Program. This program will enable the Senior Office to send out email blasts to seniors. Peggy stated she intends to send out a monthly calendar of events, the lunch program's menu and any other information that she may want to get out to the senior citizen community that particular month.

**The meeting was moved to adjourn by John Jaworski and seconded by Carol Wagner.**

**Minutes were taken by Peggy Hogan**